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March 12, 2026

The Honorable Adam Schiff  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Letter of Support for Community Project Funding Request for Grade Crossing Improvements**

Dear Senator Schiff,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), I am writing to express our support for the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board's (Caltrain) Community Project Funding request for the Caltrain Safety Enhancement Program as part of the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations process. This Project will implement near-term critical safety enhancements at grade crossings on the Caltrain-owned corridor, preventing accidents and improving mobility for all who interact with the railway.

The crossing safety improvements will benefit not only Caltrain riders but also pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and surrounding communities by creating safer and more accessible connections across the rail corridor. These improvements include, but are not limited to, updated pavement markings, lighting, fencing, medians installation and roadway channelization as well as gates and gates warning signals.

In addition to improving safety, this Project is vital to enhancing rail operations and system efficiency. By reducing delays and increasing reliability, these improvements will strengthen connectivity across the corridor, ensuring that residents, workers, and students can depend on Caltrain for daily travel. A more reliable rail system supports economic growth by improving access to jobs, education, and essential services.

SMCTA supports Caltrain's efforts to advance grade crossing improvements along the rail corridor. These improvements are among the most effective long-term strategies for improving safety, reducing traffic congestion and enhancing rail reliability. SMCTA has a long history of partnering with local jurisdictions and regional agencies to advance grade crossing improvement projects throughout San Mateo County and remains committed to supporting

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